

MISSISSIPPI FOOD SANITATION LAW
(Section 69-1-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended)

Retail Sale of Pre-packaged Frozen Desserts from Mobile Vehicles

106.01 Definitions:

1. Mobile vehicle is any land vehicle that is capable of being moved from place to place and is not stationary.
2. Transient vendor is a retailer who engages in the selling of frozen desserts at any place in the state temporarily and who does not intend to become or does not become a permanent retailer of such place.
3. Frozen Desserts means any foods which conform to the provisions of the United States Food and Drug Administration, Title 21, Code of Federal Regulation, Part 135, Subpart B. Frozen Desserts shall include pre-packaged products such as ice cream, frozen custard, ice milk, sherbet, frozen yogurt, ice cream sandwiches, bars or cookies.
4. Cold plate means a refrigeration system that uses frozen eutectic plates inside the body compartment to absorb heat as a means of maintaining desired temperature levels. Those passive plates must be refrozen each day during a 10 to 12 hour electrical plug in of the onboard refrigerant compressor.

106.02 Retail Sale of Pre-packaged Frozen Desserts from Mobile Vehicles by Transient Vendors:

1. A retail food establishment license must be obtained for each vehicle in operation prior to putting each vehicle into service. The license shall be conspicuously displayed on the vehicle during sales. The vendor shall present the vehicle to the Department for inspection prior to the licensing process and once every six months thereafter, for as long as it remains in service. Mobile vehicles may be randomly inspected at anytime by Department personnel.
2. The vehicle's storage areas shall be completely enclosed.
3. Floors and walls of the vehicle and the product containers shall be made of material having a smooth surface and cleaned and maintained in a sanitary condition with the use of a cleaning product recognized by the food industry and used in accordance with the manufacturer's labeling instructions.
4. Advertisements must be completely in accordance with the labeling on the packages or containers. Standard weight packages may show a total price only in the advertisement.
5. Vehicles must have a workable continuous mechanical refrigeration system or an approved cold plate system as the refrigeration source. Frozen Desserts shall remain in a frozen state, under proper refrigeration, until sold. All frozen desserts' products offered for sale shall be labeled, for individual sale, as defined by the current edition of the U.S. Public Health and Human Services-FDA Food Code.
6. All frozen desserts shall be protected from contamination from dust, dirt, foreign or injurious contamination and from cross-contamination by other type food products.
7. The name, address and telephone number of the vendor shall be conspicuously displayed on the vehicle at all times during sales.
8. Sample boxes shall not be displayed out of refrigeration. Frozen Desserts' products sold to customers at locations other than the vehicle must be picked up by the customer from the vehicle.

9. In addition to the above, applicable parts of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce laws, rules and regulations covering foods would also apply.